

# IDOE REGION 6 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## March/April

### Dates to Remember:

- *ISTEP+ Part 2 – Paper/pencil (Pre-approval required) (Multiple-Choice & Gridded-Response Items)*  
Apr. 27-May 8
- *ISTEP+ Part 2 – Online (Multiple-Choice & Technology-Enhanced Items)*  
Apr. 27-May 15
- *ECAs (Spring)*  
Apr. 20- Jun. 3

### HELLO!

Linda and I hope you have had a good spring (break) and are gearing up for round 2 of ISTEP+. Please remember that Linda and I are here to provide you and your schools support.

### AROUND THE REGION:

Linda and I are looking for all of the great things that are happening around Region 6. If you have great things occurring at your school or corporation that you would like to share, please send us an email so we can get the word out around the state. FYI, be on the lookout for some job opportunities.

### RESOURCES:

[Vocabulary Support](#)  
[Teaching Vocabulary](#)  
[Teaching History](#)  
[Reading Comprehension](#)  
[Practitioner Use of Data](#)  
[Math Games](#)  
[Paired Text and Question Sets](#)  
[Graduation-Cohort Rate](#)  
[Parent Portal](#)  
[New A-F Materials](#)

### DOE INFORMATION:

**Math Science Partnership Grant** awardee, The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to announce the awardees of the Math Science Partnership Grant. The work of this grant is to facilitate strong partnerships between qualifying high-need school systems, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) faculty, and school or college of education faculty in institutions of higher education. ([see awardees](#))

**The Flex Pilot Program** is designed to support schools interested in exploring innovative approaches to school schedules by leveraging eLearning options. To learn more about this program and to be considered for inclusion in the 2015-2016 pilot group, please visit the [Flex Pilot webpage](#) and complete the application. Applications are open now through May 22, 2105. \* This program is NOT about weather related options.

**New Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law,** A new law will take effect on July 1, 2015 regarding Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This law requires that schools disseminate forms to coaches, student athletes, and parents in order to inform and educate them on the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest. The law requires that a form acknowledging the receipt of the information sheet be returned to the student athlete's coach each year before beginning practice for an athletic activity. Sample forms, a flow chart, and a FAQ document can all be found on the IDOE Health Website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/health/sudden-cardiac-arrest>. If you have questions regarding this new law, please contact Jolene Bracale at [jbracale@doe.in.gov](mailto:jbracale@doe.in.gov).

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**Public School Transfers** (IC 20-26-11-32), If your school corporation accepts out of district students, [please use the following link to report](#) School Corporation Name, Corporation Number, date by which requests to transfer must be received, and name and email of the person submitting the report. Please submit your information no later than July 2, 2015. The Indiana Department of Education will post the information on: <http://www.doe.in.gov/public-school-transfers>, Please contact IDOE at 317/232-9150 or [cdanyluk@doe.in.gov](mailto:cdanyluk@doe.in.gov) if you need additional information.

**Guidance for Lost Instructional Minutes Due to Weather**, Recently the Department sought your feedback regarding instructional minutes lost thus far this school year due to winter weather. Your feedback was prompt and incredibly helpful in determining the attached guidance. Please note to take advantage of waiver options outlined in memo to make up instructional minutes your corporation application is due no later than June 30, 2015 to the IDOE at <http://www.doe.in.gov/accreditation>.

**IDOE has partnered with AdvancED**, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential, to offer IN Focus and Priority schools additional support in school improvement planning. The External Review process examines the extent which the institution's policies, practices, and conditions, align to the AdvancED standards, indicators, and performance levels using multiple sources of data and information including student performance, stakeholder perception, school and school system Self Assessments, stakeholder interviews, classroom observations as well as relevant documents and artifacts. Trainings for team members will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup> (in South Bend) or June 16<sup>th</sup> (in Greenwood). Diagnostic Reviews will take place in September and will consist of three days of onsite visits to schools with evening meetings. To apply, please [CLICK HERE](#). Applications should be completed by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Requesting Recommendations for the Talent Pool**, The State of Indiana maintains a file of emerging classroom leaders that consists of a cadre of distinguished teachers and principals. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your community and state and who may also ultimately receive prestigious recognition for their contributions and achievements. For further information read attached [memorandum](#) and [Talent Pool Recommendation Form](#)

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Available through the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center, (219) 926-5555**  
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